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1. In March 1952 a bridge was being built on the Sokolka River at the point where the Bialystok-Sokolka road crosses this river, approximately two or three kilometers from Meczarnia Stara in a south westerly direction. The bridge is about 30 meters long, six meters wide and is surfaced with iron reinforced concrete covered with asphalt. Other details are as follows:
 - a. Structural steel under surface 33 mm thick.
 - b. Two piers; height from water level to top of pier - four meters. Piers are set in concrete reinforced with iron 10 to 12 mm. thick.
 - c. Two concrete bridgeheads reinforced with iron 12 mm. thick.
 - d. One sidewalk on the southern side of the bridge.
 - e. Along the road leading to the bridge source noticed a high tension wire on the northern side and a telephone line on the southern side; Soviet soldiers patrolled the latter.
2. The bridge was being built by Plock Bridge Building Enterprises which has its headquarters in Plock (Q53/K12), and a branch in Tozew (Q55/D59). Source supposes that the bridge was built for strategic military reasons since the area is sparsely populated and the needs of the population do not justify the construction of such a large bridge. Another factor was that all the workers and technicians had to sign a secrecy statement prior to being accepted for employment. Sample:

Declaration Concerning The Preservation of Official Secrecy

According to the resolution of the Council of Ministers dated _____ in the Yearbook of the Laws of the Polish Republic # _____, Position _____, the preservation of official secrecy in the Works Installation, PPRM,

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Tczew Branch _____, disregard of official secrecy results in court responsibility.

Personnel Officer

Signature of Employee.

- 25X1 3. At the Sokolka project _____ the engineer (fnu) Feder _____
_____ and a permanent resident of Tczew,
Nowowiejska Street, and the first technician, Jarzabek, a deputy of Feder,

- 25X1 4. In Terespol (S53/M77) during May 1952 to November 1952 _____ a bridge
being built on the road from Terespol to Bialystok. The bridge was 100
meters long and about 12 meters wide with six piers, two in the water, two
on the water's edge and two on land. The piers were six and one half meters
wide and stood five meters above the water level. Each pier was concrete
reinforced with 40 to 42 mm. iron rods and was rectangular in shape on top
and elliptical on the bottom with the sharp edge facing the flow of the water.
The foundations of the piers were concrete reinforced by 15 to 16 mm. iron rods.
_____ once when summoned to the office of the chief engineer he
noticed that the plans for the bridge were marked "Bridge Class A-1".
- 25X1 5. The area in which the Terespol bridge was being constructed was a restricted,
border area and everyone including all the workers had to carry a pass author-
izing their presence. These passes were issued by the National Council
(Krajowa Rada Narodowa).
- 25X1 6. The workers lived in barracks about 300 to 400 meters from the bridge. _____
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